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**Lt. Col. George S. Westerman
Chief of Patents Division
Office of the Judge Advocate General**

Dear Sir:

This letter will confirm our recent discussions concerning the development of suitable procedures with respect to inventions or discoveries made by employees under the jurisdiction of the Central Intelligence Agency. We refer specifically to the inventions or discoveries which are subject to Executive Order 10096 and the administrative orders issued thereto.

As you know, our traffic in patent matters has been minimum. We believe that it will continue so. Our staff and facilities for the processing of patent matters is accordingly most modest. Your willingness to lend the competency of your staff and facilities in these matters is therefore sincerely appreciated.

We are forwarding herewith pertinent papers and documents relating to the Modification of a Deadbolt Re-Locking Device for Combination Locks designed and developed by [redacted] an employee of this Agency.

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Pursuant to Executive Order 10096, an administrative determination has been made by interested Patent Boards that no assignment of title to the Government is required. However, it appears that the modification is liable to be used in the public interest, for which reason the employee has been asked to grant to the Government an irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty-free right and license. It is our understanding that the following documents are required or desired at this time:

(1) Certificate by Agency head that the improvement is likely to be used in the public interest within the purview of 35 USC 266;

(2) License agreement by employee to Government pursuant to 35 USC 266 (This anticipates a patentable improvement);

(3) Photographs of working model; and

(4) Specifications correlated to the photographs.

As we previously mentioned, the publication of letters patent on the subject improvement would not be in the best interest of the Government. For this reason, we request that any letters patent be subject to the provisions of a secrecy order pursuant to applicable statutory and regulatory procedures.

Very truly yours,

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Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

Enclosures

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CERTIFICATE

STAT I hereby certify that the invention
of an employee of the United
States Government, relating to a new and useful
improvement in the field of locking mechanisms,
is likely to be used in the public interest and
I consider the said invention to be one that comes
within the purview of Title 35, U. S. Code (1952),
Section 266.

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L. K. White
Deputy Director

LICENSE AGREEMENT

Whereas, I, ,

of the State of *Maryland*

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, have invented a certain improvement in the field of locking mechanisms, while employed by the Government of the United States, and

Whereas, the Government of the United States is to make application in my name for letters patent in the public interest,

Now, therefore, in consideration of One Dollar, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and the application for letters patent by the Government pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 266, I by these presents, do hereby grant to the Government an irrevocable, nonexclusive, royalty-free right and license to make, use, and sell or otherwise dispose of, and cause to be made, used, and sold, or otherwise disposed of, for any Governmental purpose, devices, materials, and processes utilizing the invention or improvement herein concerned, it being understood that the foregoing license to the Government shall be specifically set forth in the letters patent.

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In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of January, 1955.

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In the presence of: